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REMARKS

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1. Beginning at 11 a.m. on 22 August 1953, an undetermined number of trucks from the wood camp, towing 9 x 45-mm AA guns, were entrained at the Haldensleben railroad station.

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On 22 August, source saw six tanks loaded on flatcars at the Haldensleben railroad station. At about 5 a.m. on 23 August, a train of 30 to 35 flatcars carrying trucks, and 5 to 8 boxcars, occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulettes, was seen at the Haldensleben railroad station.

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2. Between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. on 19 August, a column of 70 trucks towing 76-mm AA guns  about 10 x 150-mm mortars, about 20 armored personnel carriers, about 150 other trucks, 10 to 12 field kitchens, and about 10 x 122-mm field howitzers with prime movers, was seen between the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau and the sugar refinery at the northern exit of Markranstادت. The column was headed toward Leipzig.

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1. Comment. Presumably train  from Haldensleben to Jueterbog.  therefore, should have carried AAA units of the 7th Gds Tank Div, which, on the other hand, is contradicted by  believed to belong to the Third Shock Army and/or Eighth Gds Army.

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2. Comment. Possibly a tank detail from Ohrdruf.

3. Comment. According to unconfirmed information, exercises of elements of the 8th Gds Mecz Div may have taken place in the Altenburg area about 16 August. Source apparently observed the return of these units  belongs in the area of the First Gds Mecz Army.

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